

# Wrap-up of MEPAG 31

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*THEMIS, showing composition of Gale Crater*

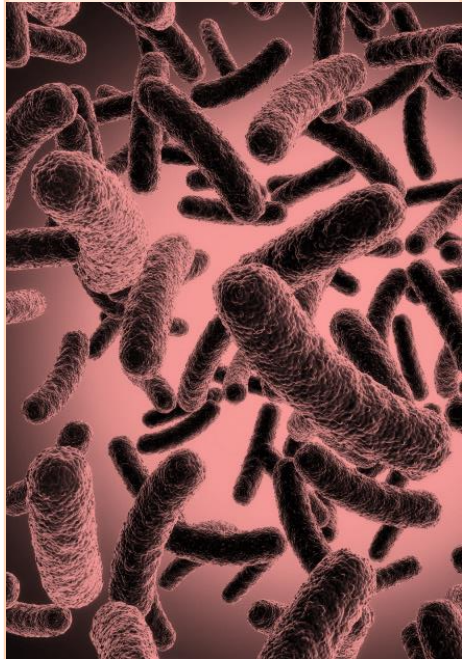


# Next MEPAG meeting

- ~6 months from now (= Sept)
- Propose a half-day virtual meeting
- Possible dates: M-F Sept 19-23,  
W-F Oct 5-7, Th Oct 13  
Is mid-week best?: e.g., W Sept 21 or Oct 5
- Avoiding:
  - 6th Mars Polar Sci. & Explor. Conf., Sept 5-9 (plus pre-/post-fieldtrips)
  - CAPS, Sept 14-15
  - GSA Meeting, Sep 25-28
  - 67<sup>th</sup> IAC, Sept 26-30
  - Yom Kippur, Oct 12
  - Joint DPS-EPSC Meeting, Oct 16-21

# Nominations welcomed for MEPAG Goals Committee

Life



I. Determine if  
Mars ever  
supported life

Climate



II. Understand the  
processes and  
history of climate  
on Mars

Geology



III. Understand the  
origin and  
evolution of Mars  
as a geological  
system

Human  
Exploration



IV. Prepare for  
human exploration

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Committee members are expected to:

- Be familiar with the MEPAG Goals Document and the state of Mars science within their Mars disciplinary community,
- Serve as a representative of their Mars disciplinary community,
- Be able to commit to least 2-3yrs (time for 1, maybe 2, Goal revisions). Term lengths vary and can be extended through additional revisions or shortened as needed.
  - The work load peaks when a revision is needed.
  - A revision may occur within an individual Goal (vs. the full document as was done in 2015), prompted by e.g., acceleration of planning for humans on Mars or a new science discovery.

We are soliciting nominations for any of the four Goals, but currently have openings identified within **Goal I, II, and IV**. Self-nominations are welcome.

To submit a nomination:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DooOOABf9pDsYnAZBsoxr0p8MswuLZVYiv3PEOfRJOu/viewform> (link is also on the MEPAG main page, under Updates)

**The MEPAG ExCom will begin discussions regarding the current openings in April.**

# Communications Survey

- By the Mars Program Office, to assess and optimize our and MEPAG's communication with the Mars community.
- Focuses on the monthly Mars Science Newsletter and the MEPAG Website.
- To fill out:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15DKE9kzEXfdMZbcn2IJGak8fDxrpYZf7cbfsKbVUBKI/viewform>
  - link is also on the MEPAG website, under Updates
  - If you would like a paper copy of the survey or March Mars Science Newsletter, please see Meredith (registration table).
  - Please submit by end of March.







**Thank you for attending,  
and see you at  
MEPAG Meeting 32!**

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